Dewan's reply.—Action will be taken to make the Medical Officer an official member of the T. I. C. at Padmanabhapuram in the place of the Sub-Registrar. The other points are noted.

153. Needs of Vilavankod taluk.

Mr. R. Narayana Pillai (Member, Vilavankod taluk) represented that the want of a Government hospital at Kuzhittura was very keenly felt by the whole taluk. The only medical institution in the taluk, excluding a grant-in-aid Vaidyasala, was the London Mission Hospital at Marthandom. The subject had been repeatedly brought up at previous sessions of the Assembly and the local officers were convinced of the need for a hospital. He, therefore, prayed that a hospital or a dispensary might be opened at Kuzhittura. If that was considered impossible at present, the grant to the L. M. Hospital at Marthandam might be enhanced and drugs supplied to the institution at half price. A qualified doctor experienced in surgery should also be posted there.

The Member then spoke about the construction of a road from Padanthalmudu southwards to Munchira, about 3 miles in length of which about 2 miles had already been cut. The people were prepared to cut the whole length of the road themselves and to give the land required for the purpose free of compensation. They should be supplied with the plan of the road and when it was complete, the Government should take over its maintenance.

He next requested that the standard of the English school at Kuzhittura might be raised. There was no High School any where between Nagercoil and Trivandrum. The central position of Kuzhittura eminently fitted it for a High School. The strength of the present Lower Grade school last year was 210 of which 43 passed from the third form. His request was that its standard might, for the present, be raised to Form IV and gradually brought up to Form VI. He also added that the people were too poor to provide the additional accommodation required.

Coming to Vernacular education, he said that the Higher Grade School with the Training and Manual Training classes had a strength of about 700, the major portion of whom were accommodated in temporary sheds. It was necessary that substantial buildings should be put up. Much inconvenience was also caused for lack of extensive premises. A tiffin shed and a urinal were immediately required. The school had a scavenger, but he was about to be taken away. In the interests of sanitation that should not be allowed. There was a rumour that the Training School at Kuzhittura was to be shifted to the Northern Range. The Member protested against the step for the reason that the school was serving the needs of the whole of South Travancore. He requested that class VIII might be added to the H. G. V. school at Kuzhittura. There were about seven H. G. V. Schools in the neighbourhood of Kuzhittura. The opening of class VIII in the H. G. V. School there would enable the students passing the School Leaving examination from those schools to continue their studies without going to Trivandrum where the cost of living was high.

Lastly, the Member dwelt at length on the advantages of opening an Industrial school at Kuzhittura and pleaded strongly for the location of a Police Outpost at Puthukada which harboured a number of unruly characters.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

154. Needs of the *pakuthies* comprised in Group II of the Chirayinkil taluk.

Mr. P. M. Narayana Kurup (Member, Chirayinkil taluk) represented that there were eleven *pakuthies* in the Registration Sub-District of Navaikulam of which the easternmost was Navaikulam and that the Sub-registry Office was situated at its eastern extremity. Consequently, it was from 7 to 14 miles distant from the other *pakuthies* in the Sub-District. Madavur and Pallikal *pakuthies* which lay adjoining the Navaikulam *pakuthi* were at present in the Chadayamangalam Sub-District, the Sub-Registry office being 12 to 14 miles away. On the other hand, Chirayinkil and Attungal with only a distance of 4 miles between them had each a Sub-Registry

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